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Attorney General Ashcroft:

I am writing to let you know that I support the settlement being considered in the Microsoft Antitrust case.

It is my understanding that you are taking comments from consumers on how this will affect them, since this case is theoretically being brought on behalf of us. I have been opposed to the case against Microsoft from beginning, and now I feel strongly that it is in the best interest of everyone to make this whole thing go away as soon as possible.

Consumers have been harmed far more by the prosecution of this antitrust case than anything Microsoft could have done to harm them. The only true monopoly in this country is the Federal Government. It is the only entity that can enforce its will with force. Every business in this nation must provide a product or service that people want, at a better price than anyone else, in order to have any influence upon anything. The same cannot be said about government.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Also, thank you very much for the way you have conducted yourself in office so far. You have been a model of integrity, and have very closely mirrored my views on issues that you have faced. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

Joshua Virkler